

PLEASE STOP THE SINCLAIR MERGER

I'm sure people have talked your ear off about **Sinclair's unbalanced reporting**, but here's another take. I've worked as a freelance animator + designer for a giant media company whose name begins with V and ends with M and rhymes with Viacom since 2004. I like them, but **we don't need more media consolidation in this country**. I've never had a full-time job or benefits, even though I've been working for the same company for a dozen years. They don't need to hire me because as a market leader, they have all the power in that relationship. Consumers and freelancers are in a similar situation: **we want quality**, but we're stuck in an **unfair marketplace**. Sinclair's right-wing views and my precarious work situation are symptoms of a larger problem. We have **giant media monopolies** in this country, and they **drive out competition and stifle innovation**. You can point to the rise of Netflix or social media as competition, but look at how much effort and cash it takes to be a new competitor in this field. Major companies continue to buy out smaller ones, but **we need a diverse media landscape** in this country with fewer behemoth news sources. You're in charge of making sure this is a fair marketplace. **Use your powers for good.**

Thank you for your time

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